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Submissions from Parties

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their thirty-ninth sessions, invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 26 March 2014, their views on how the outcomes of the 2013–2015 review will inform the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action.[1] They requested the secretariat to compile the submissions into a miscellaneous document.

2. The secretariat has received two such submissions from Parties. In accordance with the procedure for miscellaneous documents, these submissions are attached and reproduced* in the language in which they were received and without formal editing.[2]

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[1] FCCC/SBSTA/2013/5, paragraph 136, and FCCC/SBI/2013/20, paragraph 170.

* These submissions have been electronically imported in order to make them available on electronic systems, including the World Wide Web. The secretariat has made every effort to ensure the correct reproduction of the texts as submitted.

[2] Also available at <http://unfccc.int/5901.php> and <http://unfccc.int/5902.php>.

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* This submission is supported by Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.

Paper no. 1: Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway and United States of America

2013-2015 Review

Submission on behalf of Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway and the United States of America

Views on how the outcomes of the Review will inform the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

March 2014

This submission is written on behalf of Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway and the United States of America. This submission responds to the invitation from the SBSTA and the SBI at their 39th Session to submit views on how the outcomes of the 2013-2015 Review (the Review) will inform the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP).[1] This submission should be read alongside our submission containing views on the future work of the Structured Expert Dialogue (SED), including the further use of different sources of information, that is being submitted concurrently with this one.

The Review will periodically assess the adequacy of the long-term global goal, in light of the ultimate objective of the Convention, and overall progress made towards achieving the long-term global goal, including a consideration of the implementation of the commitments under the Convention.[2]

Decision 1/CP.17 requires the ADP process to be informed, inter alia, by the outcomes of the Review. We believe that sound evidence and science provide an important platform for collective action and the next steps under the UNFCCC.

In order for the Review to effectively and efficiently inform the ADP process we offer the following views:

- Under the ADP, work is underway to negotiate a new global climate change agreement that is applicable to all and durable, and can address the long-term challenge of climate change. The ADP is also exploring ways to enhance ambition in the pre-2020 period. Given that the Review is tasked with assessing the adequacy of long-term global goal and the overall progress towards achieving it, it is well placed to inform both work streams of the ADP.
- The Review should be organized and conducted in a manner that remains relevant and useful to the work of the ADP. This means staying abreast and informed of progress under the ADP, ensuring the Review complements but does not duplicate work in other bodies and ensuring the Review is conducted in a timely manner.
- The Review has been informing the broader UNFCCC process since it began its work in 2013. Its outputs such as workshops, discussions with experts, summary reports, the co-facilitators' reports

[1] Document FCCC/SB/2013/L.1 paragraph 10.
[2] Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 79.

to the COP, are informing Parties as they prepare their contributions for the post-2020 period and consider pre-2020 ambition. These outputs are available for the ADP to consider at any time. Moreover, we view it as each Party's responsibility to be mindful of the work done by the Review, particularly as they engage in the ADP process.

- The joint contact group of the Subsidiary Bodies runs in parallel to the work of the SED. The joint contact group provides the appropriate forum for policy discussions and is tasked with providing key milestones and timeframes for the SED, while being cautious not to micro manage its work. The SED is mandated to ensure the scientific integrity of the Review, and should focus on considering the most relevant and robust scientific information. As such, the co-facilitators of the SED should ensure the content of the SED is focused solely on expert presentations, questions by Parties and follow-up dialogue based on expert-to-Party exchanges. The SED therefore needs to focus on fact-based discussion whereas policy discussions are properly conducted under the joint contact group.
- We suggest the final output from the Review be comprised of a compilation of summary reports from workshops of the SED as prepared by its co-facilitators. This would ensure a comprehensive and accurate representation of all the discussions and findings.
- We believe the Review will be able to provide the ADP with useful and necessary information for its consideration of a new global climate change agreement that is applicable to all Parties, as well as on enhancing the level of ambition in the pre-2020 period.

Paper no. 2: Greece and the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and its member States

SUBMISSION BY GREECE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES

This submission is supported by Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.

Athens, 26 March 2014

Subject: The 2013-2015 review:

- **Views from Parties on the future work of the SED, including the further use of different sources of information**
- **Views from Parties on how the outcomes of the review will inform the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), as requested by decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 6.**

The European Union and its Member States welcome the opportunity to respond to the conclusions of the SBSTA and the SBI inviting Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 26 March 2014, their views on the future work of the SED, including the further use of different sources of information, and requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document.

It also welcomes the invitation to Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 26 March 2014, their views on how the outcomes of the review will inform the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), as requested by decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 6.

The EU's response to both invitations is provided below.

1. Future work of the SED

The EU considers that the Structured Expert Dialogue provides an important forum for Parties to explore the adequacy of the long-term global goal and overall progress towards achieving it. It wishes to thank the experts who presented material at the 2nd meeting of the Dialogue (SED2) for their informative and relevant contributions. The EU considers that there was a good balance between the themes of the SED at SED2. However, it considers that more opportunities should be given to the Parties to engage in the dialogue with Experts at future SED meetings. This engagement may be best carried out without differentiating parties in terms of their participation in the SED.

The scientific assessments of the IPCC have been and continue to be fundamental to the development of the multilateral climate regime under the UNFCCC, including agreement on the long term global goal. It is essential that the latest results from the IPCC AR5 are considered fully within the SED.

The EU also recognises that the work of the bodies under the UNFCCC, and other external international and regional bodies and the Parties themselves is also very relevant to understanding of the adequacy of the long-term goal and overall progress towards achieving it. In the limited time available to complete the Review process it will be necessary that the SED can have an effective dialogue with the IPCC and the other bodies that can inform the 2013-2015 Review.

The IPCC AR5 Working Group II and III reports will be available in good time for SBSTA 40. These are relevant to both themes of the Review and should both be considered fully at SED3. At least as much time should be dedicated to each of these reports as was provided for consideration of the WGI report. The IPCC AR5 Synthesis Report should be a key input to SED4 in December 2014.

The EU considers that it would be of value to seek relevant information from the Conventions on Biodiversity and Desertification and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). In addition the SED could be informed by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), the World Bank, the International Energy Agency, UNEP and UNDP in relation to their understanding of the long term goal and progress towards it. Information from UNFCCC-related bodies such as the Standing Committee on Finance and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) has already been presented material to the SED2.

The SED should also take into account relevant information that is available from Parties via National Communications, Biennial and Biennial Update Reports, in a balanced way. We would request that the Secretariat prepare an outline analysis of what information will be available from these report to the SED for its consideration, and by when.

The EU considers that the Parties will need adequate time to reflect on the material that will have been presented in the SED. The EU considers that Parties may wish to submit their views on what has been provided to them through the SED for consideration at the June 2015 Joint Contact Group (JCG) meeting. This would point to the final SED taking place well ahead of that meeting.

2. How the outcomes of the Review might inform the work of the ADP

The EU considers that the Structured Expert Dialogue (SED) provides an important forum for Parties to explore the adequacy of the long-term global goal and overall progress towards achieving it and recognises that this is an important input to the work of the ADP.

The ongoing SED between the Parties and the experts provides an opportunity to clarify issues and challenges that we face collectively and as Parties. This process provides relevant information to Parties, which they can make use of in the on-going deliberations of the ADP. The material provided by the experts, the record of exchanges between Parties and the experts, as well as the written and oral reports from the co-Facilitators are also relevant inputs to the ADP.

The Joint Contact Group (JCG) of SBI and SBSTA will need to consider the outputs of the SED, give further guidance to the SED, and assist the COP in its mandate. The EU considers that Parties should provide submissions on these topics for consideration at its June 2015 meeting. In December 2015 the COP, with the assistance of the JCG, will need to consider the adequacy of the global goal and the overall progress towards achieving it as agreed in Cancun, Durban and Doha.